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<u>Face of Patent</u>, See Item (73) Assignee, "Waterworks Technology Development" should read – Waterworks Technology Development Organization Co., Ltd. –

Column 14, Line 2 of Claim 4, "in pipe axis" should read -- in the pipe axis --

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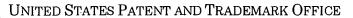
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